

**EQUALIZATION BOARD**  
**MAY 29, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present were Mayor Venis, Vice-Mayor Cox and Councilmembers Bush, Kiar and Santini. Also present were Town Administrator Flatley, Town Attorney Webber and Assistant Town Clerk Bergamini recording the meeting.

1. INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR TRACT 16, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 50 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST OF FLORIDA FRUITLANDS CO. SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH PORTIONS OF THE SOUTH ONE-THIRD OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 50 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST LESS THE ADJOINING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY; ALSO KNOWN AS LOTS 1 THROUGH 136 OF SUNNYLANE FARMS (UNRECORDED), ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING WITHIN THE TOWN OF DAVIE.

Mr. Webber explained that Council was sitting as an Equalization Board regarding the special assessment and the purpose of this meeting was to hear from the affected property owners. He stated that if Council decided to move forward, it had the authority to make adjustments as to the assessment roll and these changes would be reduced to a resolution. Mr. Webber added that upon completion of the project, one final resolution would be needed to certify and finalize the process.

Daniel Colabella, Director of Utilities and John Calvin, representing Berry & Calvin, provided a history of the project. Mr. Colabella stated that Broward County would be paying \$175,000 for the installation of the "mains". Mr. Calvin indicated that the total estimated costs were \$490,000. He explained that if the property was vacant and water service was available, the cost would be \$2,700 and if a house occupied the property, there would be an additional \$1,500 charge by the City of Sunrise for a water plant connection. Mr. Calvin stated that the Town historically financed these costs over a 20 year period at eight percent. He stated that of the \$1,500 Sunrise connection charge, \$500 of this was a West Broward utility charge and if Sunrise kept this system, there was a possibility of not being charged this \$500. Mr. Calvin indicated that if the final costs were less, the lower fee would be charged.

Mayor Venis opened the meeting to the public.

Van Baggett, 13715 SW 36 Court, spoke in favor and discussed the resident's concerns. He thought the Town's permit fee should be waived because it had approved a lychee line. Mr. Calvin addressed the concerns with Mr. Webber indicating that he would have to research the matter of waiving the fee.

Paul Maddox, 14050 SW 36 Court, spoke in favor.

Rolan DeLeon, 14010 SW 36 Court, spoke in favor.

Debbie Apolinario indicated that 90% of the residents in Oak Hill did not want water "pushed down us" because of the Sunnylane residents being in favor.

Mr. Webber asked if anyone was opposed to the special assessment.

Sherry Hosek, 13675 SW 36 Court, said that she was in favor of water but was opposed to the special assessment as it would double her water bill.

There were no other speakers.

Mayor Venis suggested that the homeowner's association be met with prior to the Town commencing work. Mr. Colabella indicated that meetings could be held before and after the bid. Discussion followed on the loop system.

Mr. Maddox asked the timeframe for completion. Mr. Colabella replied that it would take approximately three and a half months to begin the project because of the bid process. Vice-Mayor Cox thought the completion date should be by December.

Councilmember Santini made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kiar, to approve the assessment roll. In a roll call, the vote was as follows: Mayor Venis - yes; Vice-Mayor Cox - yes; Councilmember Bush - yes; Councilmember Kiar - yes; and Councilmember Santini - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

Vice-Mayor Cox asked that deadlines be provided in the bid specifications. Mr. Colabella advised that penalty clauses were also in the specifications.

There being no objections or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk